

SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
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Santa Fe River Commission
Thursday, August 13, 2015 (Round House Room)
6:00 pm to 7:15 pm

City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Jacobi, Chair convened the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission at 6:12 pm, Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. Roll call reflects a quorum.

Present

Jerry Jacobi, Chair
Phil Bové
John R. Buchser
Richard Ellenberg

Not Present

Dale Doremus

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator
Mr. Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Alex Puglisi, Environmental Compliance Specialist
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ellenberg moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Buchser, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 9, 2015

Mr. Ellenberg moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2015 as presented, second by Mr. Bové, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. INFORMATON/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

a) Update on Reservoir Construction (Alex Puglisi)

Mr. Puglisi provided a report to the Santa Fe River Commission (Exhibit A – McClure & Nichols Reservoirs Infrastructure Improvements CIP Project No. 3038 – Construction and Water Update) for member review. Mr. Puglisi said we are still on track for completion by the end of the month and he attributes this to the good weather we have experienced. We may be able to move the date up a bit based on this comment. The footing and floor are also in place and that will now allow them to move fairly quickly. We have had a good rainfall at the Watershed.

Nichols has been brought up a little bit, with the rains the reservoir level has gone up, we are on track with over 5.8 (MGD). Water production for July through July 23, 2015 is reflected in Exhibit A. This report includes information on BDD and Canyon Road.

Current storage at Nichols is closer to 64%-67%. If flows continue the way they are and we continue to take in 3 million gallons per day (MGD) it will increase more.

Mr. Otto asked if there are numbers on the recharge of the aquifer.

Mr. Puglisi said it seems that the static level of the well is operating well. When we do turn on our wells we get higher production.

Mr. Otto said he heard there was an artesian monitoring in the wells.

Mr. Puglisi said they are fairly close to the river and it indicates there is sufficient water pressure in the river. It is a monitoring well by Buckman Diversion to the south.

There will be a higher snow pack with El Nino being predicted in New Mexico next year. Mr. Puglisi said that he welcomes the River Commission members to tour again. Great opportunities to view the wildlife and soon it will be the turkey season.

b) Membership/Outreach Report (Jerry Jacobi)

The Chair, Mr. Buchser and Ms. Doremus recently met with Ms. McDonald to review the letters of interest and resumes for those who expressed interest in River Commission appointments. There were over a dozen requests and five recommendations were sent to the Mayor for confirmation. One additional letter and resume was received after the deadline and Ms. McDonald sent it on to the Mayor for consideration.

c) SF River Fund (Jerry Jacobi)

The Chair said that he felt the River Commission had been clear on how the money should be spent from the River Fund and asked for a status update on how this money is being used by the City if it differs from the agreed plan. The Chair asked clearly that he would like a fund reconciliation to be presented to the River Commissioners.

Ms. McDonald said she has worked diligently on this and that the balance is \$250,000 collected. Ms. McDonald showed the commissioners via overhead presentation the proposed water bill. When someone checks off on the bill it goes in to this fund. She did note that in the last year when the two funds got separated was at the time they were redoing the billing system. When they redo the website

the bill will say: SANTA FE RIVER FUND: Donations to the Santa Fe River Fund will fund projects that improve the flow in the Santa Fe River in ways that enhance the ecosystems of the river and its riparian corridor.

My one time donation to the Santa Fe River Fund of: (amounts indicated). Ms. McDonald provided the draft wording she proposes for the Santa Fe River Fund text for website. Ms. McDonald is working with Ms. Diane Catanach from Utilities and they are both confident that this is a great way to promote the fund. Ms. McDonald has been busy doing many radio interviews as she talks about the rain gardens and will put emphasis on the River Fund. Ms. McDonald said there were glitches when the individual checked off their amount and it wasn't going to the right fund; she is confident that has been fixed.

The Chair said that on the form it says please send me an application to add a continuous monthly donation to my bill for the Santa Fe River Fund. How many of these requests are sitting in a dead file?

Ms. McDonald said that she has worked closely on this process and will continue to do so to assure the allocations and choices are correctly applied. Once it is confirmed operable, Ms. McDonald will do heavier marketing for the river fund.

Mr. Buchser said he would like to add wording: If you would like to do monthly payments or you can do a one-time donation on-line. Ms. McDonald will take care of this change.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

The Chair talked about the concrete channel of the river over by Del Charro which is very dirty and he would like to give some thought to how we can clean up that area.

Mr. Buchser said that in a past meeting they did a walking tour of that area with consultants who comment that we had lost the view scape of the river. As we think about that we may want to resurrect the thought of taking parking space off that area and enjoy the river view. This may be a sore discussion point but it would be nice to have continued future discussions.

6. MATTERS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

The Chair asked what the next steps are regarding the new member process. Ms. McDonald will follow up with the Mayor to find out the timeline on who he selects and brings to the Council for approval and when to expect results. Thank you.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF – Project Update

Ms. McDonald informed the commissioners that she has projects that are ready to go and she has been working on contracts attached to these projects for repairs. Ms. McDonald has received constituent calls on rock concerns and she will keep the community updated when the work begins to correct this concern.

Ms. McDonald recommended that the new Municipal Tree Board be invited to a future meeting of the River Commission when the new members are on board to talk about the trees. It will be an interesting process and there will be money available.

Ms. McDonald recommended that discussion about future goals and objectives of the River Commission take place when new members join to follow with a meeting with Mayor Gonzales to hear what his direction is for the River Commission.

Ms. McDonald noted that on the subject of Hazard Mitigation – FEMA has money to award. Ms. McDonald has met with them and asked why this money has not come in to New Mexico and the response was that we have not applied. There is a class you can attend to learn more about the details and she has requested permission to attend one of these meetings. We are losing opportunities on the arroyo projects and it would be nice to get money for the future arroyo projects. There is a city match when acquiring these funds.

Mr. Puglisi said that he also thinks this would merit a conversation with the city Emergency Preparedness Department; we have never applied for this money and we should pursue as there is a need.

8. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
None

9. ADJOURN
Mr. Ellenberg moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm, second by Mr. Bové, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signature Page:

Jerry Jacobi, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer